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Note verbale dated 14 March 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has the honour to transmit herewith the preliminary report of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea on the implementation of resolutions 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017) at the national level (see annex).

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Report of Equatorial Guinea on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017)

The Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, which has signed and ratified all multilateral instruments concerning weapons of mass destruction, remains committed to general and complete disarmament, in particular the nuclear disarmament of the Korean Peninsula. The Republic of Equatorial Guinea remains convinced that dialogue is the appropriate framework for the peaceful settlement of disputes and the restoration of peace and security on the Korean Peninsula, and supports the continuation of the process for the denuclearization of the Peninsula, which is fundamental to peace and security in the region pursuant to the Security Council resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea applies the restrictive measures imposed on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006) and has taken all the measures necessary to ensure their implementation by the various departments concerned. In this regard, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea wishes to reiterate its commitment to the implementation of the resolutions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including resolutions 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017), and to inform the Committee that, in order to prevent any violations of the sanctions and to do everything necessary to give effect to them, the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, in a communication sent by its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation on 3 November 2017, informed the Embassy of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea accredited in Malabo of its decision that all companies of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea established in Equatorial Guinea should cease all commercial activities and urgently repatriate all citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, while the Government considered other arrangements and measures in that regard.

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea held a meeting with the Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, at which the latter was formally informed of the Government's decision of 3 November 2017.

The modalities for implementing the Government's decision are currently under consideration and possible legal implications are being carefully reviewed.

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea reaffirms its resolve to continue to cooperate with the Committee and, in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, the Government of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea undertakes to keep the Committee apprised of any additional information that becomes available.